

ABSTRACT

[00037] A method and apparatus for preventing inadvertent entries on a Web page or the like. An absolutely positioned "membrane" style is defined that covers an entire Web page at a higher z-index than other sheets (layers) in the Web page. A division of the Web page is associated with the "membrane" style. The style is initially hidden, meaning that the sheets with lower z-index numbers can be accessed. When the user submits the form (through a Submit button or similar element), a JavaScript makes the "membrane" style visible, which renders the Web page form elements (with lower z-index numbers) inaccessible. Consequently, the user is unable to click the Submit button or any other element on the page. Assuming that the "membrane" Web page division (layer) contains no text, the layer will be transparent.